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Microsoft Settlement  
U.S. Department of Justice-Antitrust Division  
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Dear Microsoft Settlement:

The Microsoft trial squandered taxpayers' dollars, was a nuisance to consumers, and a serious deterrent to investors in the high-tech industry. It is high time for this trial, and the wasteful spending accompanying it, to be over. Consumers will indeed see competition in the marketplace, rather than the courtroom. And the investors who propel our economy can finally breathe a sigh of relief.

Upwards of 60% of Americans thought the federal government should not have broken up Microsoft. If the case is finally over, companies like Microsoft can get back into the business of innovating and creating better products for consumers, and not wasting valuable resources on litigation.

Competition means creating better goods and offering superior services to consumers. With government out of the business of stifling progress and tying the hands of corporations, consumers - rather than bureaucrats and judges - will once again pick the winners and losers on Wall Street. With the reins off the high-tech industry, more entrepreneurs will be encouraged to create new and competitive products and technologies.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my views.

Also when it is legal or ethical for competitors of Micro-soft to get a slush fund together to lobby the Justice Department to bring a monopoly suit against them? Jim Barksdale, former CEO of Netscape vowed to bury Bill Gates. How did it hurt consumers to get free software from both Micro-soft and Netscape? James Barksdale was hurt because he couldn't make a profit by giving away his product. Freebies have been given away for buying a certain brand of gas, going to a movie, opening an account at a certain bank, going to see a baseball game and much more!

For most part the MOMOPLY charge was politically motovated by the DEMOCRATS. They received more donations from SILICON VALLEY that election year than years before.

DO NOT STIFFEL honest competion,that's what made this country great and different from the REST of the WORLD.

Sincerely,

Mr. Andrew Somogyi